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SUBJ: STOPOVER BY VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER

1. CALCUTTA PRESS REPORTS VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG MADE A BRIEF STOPOVER AT CALCUTTA AIRPORT MORNING AUGUST 14 ON HIS WAY TO THE COLOMBO NAC. WE ARE TOLD THAT STOPOVER WAS FOR REFUELING, SINCE THE AIRCRAFT IN WHICH PHAM VAN DONG WAS TRAVELING DID NOT HAVE THE RANGE TO MAKE IT FROM HANOI TO COLOMBO IN ONE HOP.

2. THE VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER PRAISED MRS. GANDHI, NEHRU AND MAHATMA GANDHI, SAID HIS COUNTRY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE AND ANNOUNCED THAT ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES OF SOUTH EAST ASIA WOULD BRING THEM "TREMENDOUS PROSPERITY". ALL PAPERS CARRY THE FOREGOING. AFTER

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UTTERING THESE BANALITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESS, PHAM VAN

DONG BECAME INVOLVED IN AN EXCHANGE WITH STAFF REPORTER OF THE STATESMAN, WHO APPARENTLY ASKED WHETHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE IMPERIALIST. STATESMAN'S STORY QUOTES DONG AS SAYING THAT IT IS "WRONG" TO DESCRIBE "SOCIALISTS AS IMPERIALISTS" AND THAT SUCH A DESCRIPTION CREATED CONFUSION ABOUT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. VIETNAM, HE ADDED, KNEW WHAT WAS MEANT BY IMPERIALISM AND HOW CRUEL IT COULD BE; "SINCE WE WON THE GREATEST VICTORY OF THE TIME, WE ARE COMPETENT TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE."

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER PHAM VAN DONG WAS GREETED AT AIRPORT BY GOVT OF INDIA OR GOVT OF WEST BENGAL REPRESENTATIVES; IF SO, PAPERS MAKE NO MENTION OF IT. STATESMAN CARRIES A PICTURE OF DONG BEING GARLANDED BY WEST BENGAL CPI MLA MRS. ILA MITRA LEADING A CPI DELEGATION AT THE AIRPORT.

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